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Hi Amy –

I understand that you are the attorney assigned to the CES case and have dealt with the Port Arthur site, and are on vacation this week. The latest round of issues is about the CES site in Houston, and I'm guessing that you are assigned to that one as well. I'm copying Mark on this e-mail because if this is not your case, someone from 6RC-S should be assigned.

The PRP company is currently in bankruptcy and the Trustee in bankruptcy (David Askinase) is carrying out some assessment and removal work at the Site. The Trustee will likely have exhausted his funds in the next month or two, with a lot of work left to be completed. EPA and TCEQ are discussing a coordinated approach, tentatively scheduled to mobilize in September.

Legal questions discussed on the call were securing access for EPA (we were not included in TCEQ's access agreement with the Trustee) and whether it is necessary to inform the bankruptcy court of this action prior to mobilization (TCEQ may already have given generalized notice that the governments would be undertaking some or all of the necessary response actions; they will check and send us a copy of the filing they made to the court).

I have notes from the call that would be helpful to discuss other issues. Please give me a call or stop by when you have a few minutes to discuss. Many thanks.

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Hi Pam,

Sorry for the late notice on this, but would you be able to participate on this call? This is Amy's case, but she's on vacation. Although it's my CWS day today, I'd be glad to participate on the call, but I completely forgot that my wife has a doctor's appointment today – leaving me to take care of the baby.

This is about the Port Arthur CES Site near Houston. Gary called to tell me that the call is about what process does EPA need to take to perform a removal action at a Site where the facility owner/operator has filed bankruptcy. Do we need to seek permission from the Trustee or Bankruptcy Judge?

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